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Thank you for subscribing to "PPOVA Updates," a service that provides updates about opportunities posted on Virginia's FREE healthcare recruitment website, [Primary Practice Opportunities of Virginia](#).

We Want Your Thoughts

We'd love to know how helpful this newsletter is for you. Please take a few moments and [complete our survey](#).

Thanks in advance!

☐ Current Opportunities

For a list of current opportunities in Virginia, please [visit our page on 3RNet](#). We currently have 115 opportunities listed in Virginia.

☐ Upcoming Events

April 15

[State Sponsored Health Insurance for Children and Pregnant Women](#)

Richmond, VA

April 16

[Implementing the HIV/AIDS Case Management Standards](#)

Richmond, VA

April 20

[State Sponsored Health Insurance for Children and Pregnant Women](#)

Richmond, VA

[View more events on our calendar](#)

☐ Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Team Updates

2010 Rural Health Summit was a Success

The 2010 Rural Health Summit was a grand success with 177 participants. You can [view the presentations on the summit website](#).

Nursing Scholarship Program - Now Accepting Applications!

Applications will be accepted April 1, 2010 through May 6, 2010.

The Nursing Scholarship Program pays for tuition and education related expenses including books, clinical supplies and laboratory fees. In exchange, scholarship winners agree to at least two years of service at a health facility with a critical shortage of nurses.

Preference is given to qualified applicants with the greatest financial need who are enrolled full-time in an undergraduate nursing program. Applicants must begin classes for the Fall term on or after July 1, 2010 and no later than September 30, 2010. It is expected that 500 awards will be made for the 2010-2011 school year.

To learn more about HRSA's programs visit
www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/scholarships/nursing

Hispanic Community Medical Outreach Organization at VCOM Provides Free Medical Care

Eighteen osteopathic medical students and seven post-baccalaureate students from the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine - Virginia Campus participated in a medical outreach program on Sunday March 21, 2010 at the Iglesia Adventista del Septimo Dia, a church in Roanoke Virginia about 30 miles from the VCOM campus.



The student team, along with faculty preceptors, Dr. John Kauffman (VCOM faculty) and Dr. Quinones (Christiansburg Free Clinic Physician) provided free care such as blood pressure screenings, diabetes screenings, and OMM treatments. Referrals to free clinic and other community resources were also made available for care beyond the one day outreach program.

According to Thamiris Palacios, third year medical student and coordinator of the program, "It always feels good to help others, especially when they are very hard working people and are looking to provide a better life for their children." Palacios has been a member of the VCOM Hispanic Community Medical Outreach Organization since its inception three years ago and noted the students and physician cohort plans to return to Iglesia Adventista del Septimo Dia again next year.

According to the current HCOM student president, Carly Ragland, "We definitely will do this again next year! I think that it is a very rewarding experience to help those that are so hard working but do not have the same access to healthcare as others. It is also important for us as future physicians to learn more about different cultures and practice our Spanish speaking skills to be able to treat more patients in the future."

Call for Presentations

VRHA invites individuals and groups with an interest in rural health to submit plenary and concurrent session ideas for presentation during VRHA's Annual Conference to be held December 8 and 9 in Staunton, VA.

This Call for Presentations offers the opportunity for persons with rural health interests to present relevant and timely information at the Annual Conference on innovative rural health care programs, service delivery models, policy issues, educational programs, clinical concerns for rural practitioners, and leadership development and skills training.

Visit www.vrha.org for additional information.

How to Communicate Effectively When Working

How to Communicate Effectively When Working with Interpreters - Free Workshop!

Friday March 19, 2010

8:30am-11:00am

When you and your client/patient don't speak the same language, providing quality care is almost impossible without the help of someone to interpret. Many organizations today turn to a variety of people to bridge the language gap, from untrained bilingual staff to professional medical interpreters. However, there's a knack to working with even the best interpreter. This workshop is designed to assist participants to work more effectively with interpreters when dealing with clients from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

[Learn More >](#)

Rural Healthcare Workforce Recognition Awards Recipients

The Virginia Rural Healthcare Workforce Awards recognize and thank individuals and/or organizations for making significant contributions to rural communities through education, recruitment and retention initiatives designed to address Virginia's healthcare workforce shortage. On March 16, the Workforce Council of the Rural Health Plan made the following awards:

2010 Rural Healthcare Workforce, Individual Award for Distinguished Service

- Juliana van Olphen Fehr, CNM, PHD, FACNM
- Michelle Y. Whitehurst-Cook, MD

2010 Rural Healthcare Workforce, Organization Award for Outstanding Contribution

- Virginia Appalachian Tricollege Nursing Program, Part-Time Evening/Weekend Program
- Southwest Virginia Graduate Medical Education Consortium

[Learn more about the recipients >](#)

Applying to the NHSC Loan Repayment Program Just Got Easier!

The new LRP application can be found at:

<https://lrpbcrs.hrsa.gov>.

Links to the new Application Information Bulletin (AIB) and

Forms can be found at: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment>.

Funding Available for Health Care Jobs in Needy Communities

\$200 Million in Recovery Act funds are expected to support 3,300 clinicians in health centers, rural health clinics, and other health care facilities that care for the uninsured and underserved people. In exchange for two years service with the National Health Services Corp, clinicians will receive loan repayments of up to \$50,000.

- [National Health Service Corps](#)
- [Number of jobs by State](#)
- [Locate Vacancies](#)
- [Apply for the program](#)

Please contact Kai Turner at the Virginia Department of Health if you have questions (804) 864-7423.

Important Information on the National Health Service Corp (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program

New Money available now!!

new money available from:

The Health Resources and Services Administration is now accepting new applications to support loan repayment for bonafide educational debt for primary care medical, dental and certain behavioral/mental health clinicians who want to work at National Health Service Corps (NHSC) sites. In exchange for the loan repayment assistance, clinicians serve for two years with the Corps. The new funds, totaling almost \$200 million, are expected to support about 3,300 clinicians that will serve in health centers, rural health clinics and other health outpatient/ambulatory care sites that care for uninsured and underserved people.

HRSA is encouraging fully trained primary health care clinicians who are dedicated to working with the underserved and have qualifying educational loans to apply for this opportunity. In addition to an initial award of up to \$50,000 for loan repayment, each clinician receives a competitive salary and a chance to have a significant impact on a community. Primary health care clinicians interested in applying for the NHSC loan repayment program should visit: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/apply.htm>.

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